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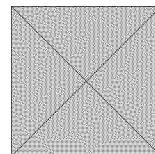
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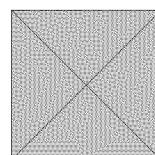
Top News



Obama Administration Warns Beijing About Covert Agents Operating in U.S.

By MARK MAZZETTI and DAN LEVIN

The Obama administration has warned Beijing about the presence of Chinese government agents operating secretly in the United States to pressure prominent expatriates to return home immediately, according to American officials.

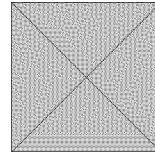


Exclusion of Blacks From Juries Raises Renewed Scrutiny

By ADAM LIPTAK

A study in Louisiana has found that prosecutors used peremptory challenges three times as often to strike black potential jurors as others during the last decade.

Amid Perilous Mediterranean Crossings, Migrants Find a



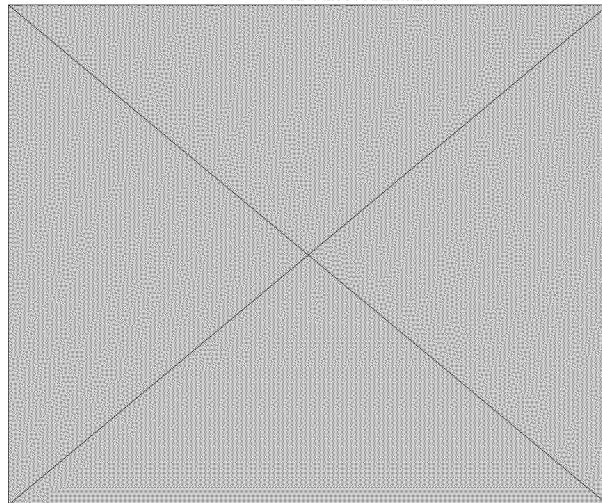
Relatively Easy Path to Greece

By CEYLAN YEGINSU and ANEMONA HARTCOLLIS

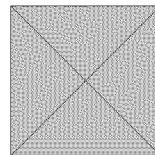
Compared with other routes for refugees crossing the Mediterranean, the journey from Bodrum to Kos is remarkably organized and unfettered.

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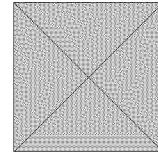
U.S.

Julian Bond, Former N.A.A.C.P. Chairman and Civil Rights Leader, Dies at 75

By ROY REED

Mr. Bond, a charismatic figure of the 1960s civil rights movement, was also a lightning rod of the anti-Vietnam War campaign and a lifelong champion of equal rights for minorities.

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Robot Weapons: What's the Harm?

By JERRY KAPLAN

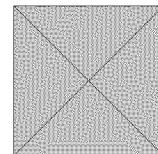
The fear of unleashing "Terminator" robots is misplaced.

QUOTATION OF THE DAY

"Julian Bond helped change this country for the better. And what better way to be remembered than that."

PRESIDENT OBAMA, on the civil rights leader who died on Saturday.

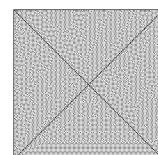
World



After Delicate Negotiations, U.S. Says It Will Pull Patriot Missiles From Turkey

By ERIC SCHMITT

The decision came as the risk of Syrian Army missile attacks seemed to have eased and as concerns about Iran and North Korea demanded that the antimissile systems be made available for other missions.



Brazilians Return to Streets to Urge Rousseff's Ouster

By SIMON ROMERO

Though protests seemed to lack the urgency of earlier demonstrations, tens of thousands returned to the streets of cities across Brazil to express their displeasure with President Dilma Rousseff.

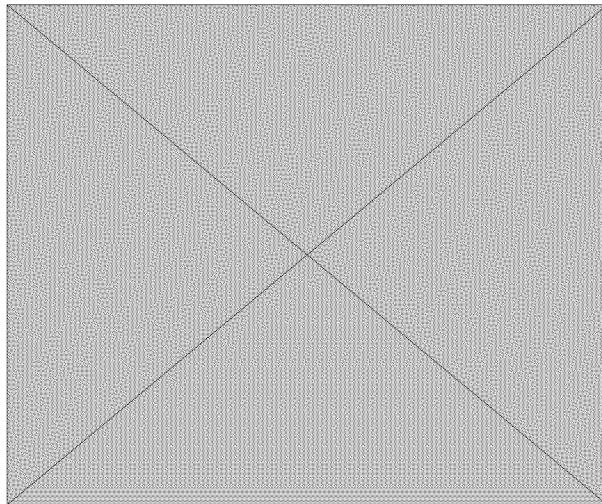
Indonesian Plane Carrying 54 Is Declared Missing in Papua

By JOE COCHRANE

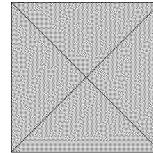
The commercial airliner was carrying 54 people when it vanished on Sunday amid bad weather in the eastern region of Papua, an official said.

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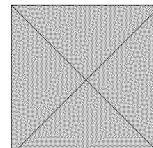
U.S.



Without Release of Video, Police Shooting of White Driver Gets Less Publicity

By RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr.

Supporters of Zachary Hammond, a 19-year-old who was killed last month by the Seneca, S.C., police, say he would have received more attention had he been black. But race was only one factor.



Colorado Spill Heightens Debate Over Future of Old Mines

By JULIE TURKEWITZ

The accident at the Gold King Mine also served as a reminder, some critics say, that the toxic demise could be repeated at any of thousands of abandoned mines around the country.

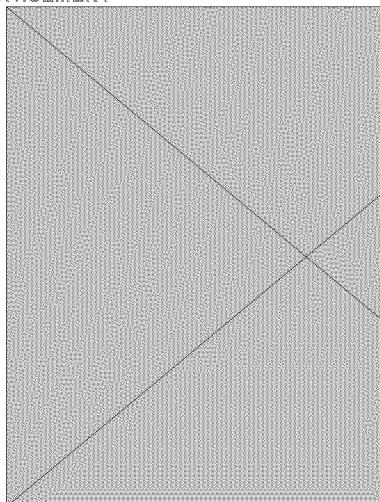
Collision of 2 Small Planes Near a San Diego Airport Kills 4

By LIAM STACK

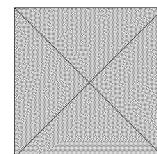
A single-engine Cessna 12 and a twin-engine Sabreliner that were flying to Brown Field Municipal Airport broke into pieces, leaving no survivors, an

official said.

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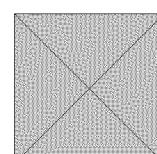
Business



Racial Wealth Gap Persists Despite Degree, Study Says

By PATRICIA COHEN

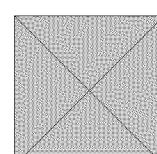
New research shakes the long-held belief that higher education clears a path to financial equality for blacks and Hispanics, and contends that the problem is deeply rooted and persistent.



Japan Says Its Economy Contracted in Second Quarter

By JONATHAN SOBLE

The size of the contraction was roughly in line with the expectations of private-sector economists, but the slowdown is nonetheless a setback for the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.



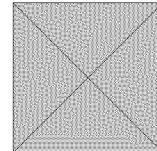
Merkel Seeks to Head Off Opposition to Greek Bailout

By ALISON SMALE

Chancellor Angela Merkel said she expected the I.M.F. to participate in the new bailout as Germany's Parliament prepared to vote on the package this week.

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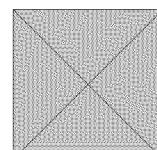
Sports



Jason Day Wins P.G.A. Championship in a Record-Shattering Breakthrough

By KAREN CROUSE

After many disappointments, Day, a 27-year-old Australian, captured his first major title, finishing at 20 under par and holding off Jordan Spieth at Whistling Straits.

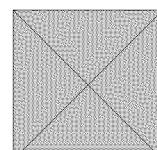


Sports of The Times

U.S. Women's Soccer Team, Recently Crowned Champion, Visits a Football Palace

By JULIET MACUR

In Pittsburgh, a city known for its football legends and a football fanaticism that bridges generations, it was a day for a different kind of football.



On Baseball

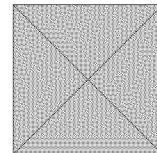
An Inferior Record, and an Enviable Position

By TYLER KEPNER

The Pirates stayed hot, completing the first season sweep of the Mets in their history, but the Mets' path to the playoffs is clearer.

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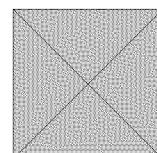


Critic's Notebook

Janelle Monáe, and Other Wondaland Artists, Step Back in Time at the Highline Ballroom

By JON CARAMANICA

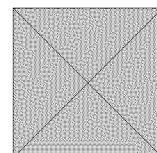
A collection of the label's artists, featured on the compilation "Wondaland Presents: The Eephus," made a statement of aesthetic protest as well a political protest.



Lucia Berlin's Roving, Rowdy Life Is Reflected in a Book of Her Stories

By JOHN WILLIAMS

"A Manual for Cleaning Women" collects 43 stories by Ms. Berlin, who died a little over a decade ago and whose darkly wry work has remained unknown to many.



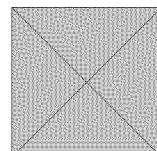
Review: Lynn Nottage's 'Sweat' Examines Lives Unraveling by Industry's Demise

By CHARLES ISHERWOOD

Lynn Nottage's new drama, produced at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, examines two generations of factory workers and the decline of industry in the United States.

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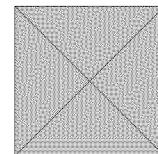
Media & Advertising



Where Clicks Reign, Audience Is King

By RAVI SOMAIYA

As more readers move toward online social networks, and as publishers desperately seek scale to bring in revenue, many have deplored a race toward repetitive journalism.



New Dr. Dre Album Serves as a Test for Apple Music

By BEN SISARIO

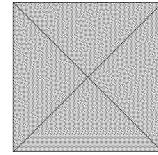
"Compton: A Soundtrack" had 25 million streams worldwide in its first week on Apple's new service, but is expected to open in second place in the United States.

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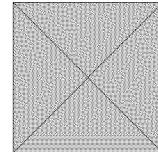
Obituaries

Hamid Gul, Pakistan's Former Spy Chief, Dies at 78

By SALMAN MASOOD



Mr. Gul, a three-star general, was deeply involved in the country's policy toward neighboring Afghanistan during the Soviet withdrawal.



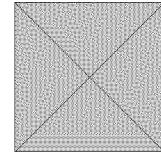
John Scott, Organist and Choirmaster, Dies at 59

By JAMES R. OESTREICH

Mr. Scott was director of music at St. Thomas Church in Manhattan, and before that, organist and director of music at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

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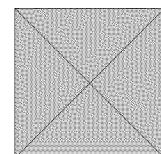


Editorial

Build a New Hudson River Tunnel

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The antiquated rail tunnels need a long-term solution and proper funding.

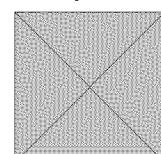


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The Problem With House Prices

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Unrepaired damage from the housing bust is holding back a true recovery.



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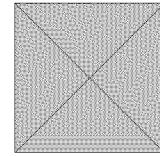
Citizens Bank Shortchanged Depositors

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The bank is now paying the price for not correcting deposit discrepancies.

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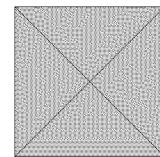


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Activists 'Feel the Bern?'

By CHARLES M. BLOW

Responses to disruptions at Bernie Sanders' events raise issues about the relationship between moderate whites and black activists.

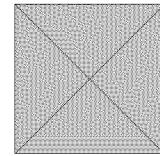


Op-Ed Columnist

Republicans Against Retirement

By PAUL KRUGMAN

Why have most Republican candidates vowed to limit Social Security? Because they really answer to the relatively few people who oppose it.



Op-Ed Contributor

India Finally Faces Up to an Ugly Reality

By AATISH TASEER

The India I live in today is more aware than ever before of the environmental horrors of its cities and towns.

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